

Attention all Monofilament Recyclers

Recent studies have shown that cavity nest building birds like prothonotary warblers and tree swallows are attracted to the openings in the Monofilament Recycling bins as potential nesting sites. Once inside the tube they become entangled in the used fishing line.

The Stream Team Program is recommending the installation of a rubber bird-proof covering over the opening of the bin. See the diagram below.

The rubber covering and dryer vent clamp will be provided to all volunteers who have installed and maintain monofilament bins, at no cost to the volunteer.

Please contact Mark Van Patten at 573/522-4115 ext 3892 or mark.vanpatten@mdc.mo.gov to order one set for each bin you have installed.

***If you are no longer monitoring your bin, please remove it**

Installation instructions:

1. Place the rectangular rubber sheet with the long side horizontal to the opening.
2. Slide the vent clamp onto the PVC pipe while holding the rubber sheet in place. Tighten the clamp until the rubber sheet is held securely.
3. Use a utility knife to cut a vertical slit in the rubber. This will allow your hand to pass through to deposit the used fishing line. The slit will close when your hand is withdrawn.

Biologists believe that this will prevent birds from entering. If you find any sign of birds when emptying your bin, please let us know so we can update our methods accordingly.



Tree swallows found in a Monofilament Recycling Bin

